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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/070,035	WOLRICH ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Daniel Pan	2183	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/06/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

1. Claims 1-20 remain for examination.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and (b) as being anticipated by Dyer et al. (5,640,538).
3. As to the newly amended feature of claim 1, see the discussions in paragraph 3 below.
4. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and (b) as being anticipated by Hasegawa (5,724,563).
5. As to the newly amended feature in the preamble of claim 1, the language of "program product tangibly embedded in information carrier" is a field of use, and the claim body does not support the information carrier in which the program product is tangibly embedded, therefore, the amendment does not affect the original scope of the claim.
6. The rejections to claims 1-20 are maintained and incorporated by reference the last Office Action on 12/14/04.

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7. The response filed by applicant on 01/03/05 has been fully considered but is not persuasive.

8. In the remarks, applicant argued that :

- a) Hasegawa did not disclose the state and/or the specified state name ;
- b) Hasegawa's opcode values/flags of Z and C is different from applicant's feature;
- c) Dyer's branch mark sequencer instruction format disclosed no state and /or specified state name.

9. As to a) and b) above, applicant did not explain why Hasegawa's Z and C flags are different from applicant's claimed features , and did not explain why Hasegawa's Z and C flags encoded in the opcode could not be used as the specified state names. Applicant only recites the "... a state of a specified state name...". No further details of the state name (e.g. the format , structure , or the type etc.) has been reflected into the claim. Hasegawa disclosed the state of a specified state name (see the value specified in branch instruction field, see also fig.5, and fig.10, see the implicit value Z and C encoded in opcode in Table 1, col.11, lines 41-52, see also the Z and C flags set and reset in col.11, lines 14-40, lines 54-67, see also the citation cited in paragraph 3 in the last Office action on 12/14/04).

10. As to c) above, applicant failed to explain why the Dyer's branch mark sequencer instruction format disclosed no state and /or specified state name. The examiner would like to point out Dyer taught a branch instruction that caused an execution of instruction stream to branch to an instruction at an address [801] specified in the instruction of a state of a specified name (e.g. branch type) was a specified value (see

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branch type – 0,1 col.11, lines 8-10, see also the state of additional specified name in Table 1, see fig.8 for the branch instruction format, see also the citations and discussions set forth in the last Office action 12/14/04).

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan Pan whose telephone number is 703 305 9696, or the new number 571 272 4172. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chan, can be reached on 703 305 9712, or the new number 571 272 4162. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703 306 5404.

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